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Bel Aire sets aside a day to play



Photos by Matt Heilman

Cheerleaders with the Bel Aire Recreation Commission put on a routine during halftime of a flag football game Oct. 4 at the rec center. The Bel Aire Rec Commission held a 20th anniversary celebration on Oct. 4.

City works 3 celebrations into one eventful day



Players for the Bel Aire Blizzard and the Bel Aire Wings battle for possession during an Oct. 4 game.

By Matt Heilman

Three causes for celebration were packed into one busy day Oct. 4 in Bel Aire. At the heart of the activity at the Bel Aire Rec Center was the center's 20th anniversary celebration, coinciding with Bel Aire's Second Annual Fall Festival. Bel Aire also celebrated its second designation as a Play City U.S.A. As part of the designation, Bel Aire Rec Commission Director Brian Hayes said the city has to host a play day, which fit in well with the rec center anniversary celebration and the fall festival.

At the rec center, northwest of 45th North and Oliver at 5251 E. 48th North, residents gathered for games, featuring a Frisbee golf competition, live music, food vendors, an ice cream social and a car show sponsored by the Bel Aire Lions Club. Inside the rec center, students from Kim's Academy of Taekwondo put on a demonstration featuring self-defense exercises and board breaking.



Students from Kim's Academy of Taekwondo put on a demonstration Oct. 4 inside the Bel Aire Rec Center as part of the center's 20th anniversary celebration. The celebration coincided with the city's annual fall festival.



A sign at the Bel Aire Rec Center recognizes Bel Aire as a "Play City, U.S.A."

The activity at the Bel Aire Rec Center carried on through most of the afternoon. The city's Fall Festival concluded on the evening of Oct. 4 with a

community talent show held inside the auditorium of Northeast Magnet High School.

At the rec center, Hayes said about 200 youth participants signed up to take part in flag football, soccer, volleyball or cheerleading this fall, enrollment that is steady with the mark from last year when volleyball and cheerleading were introduced to the program.

Next month, Hayes said basketball season is set to start for youth participants, with several programs and activities moving indoors for the winter.

The Oct. 4 events, organized by Bel Aire civic groups including the Lions Club and the city's community development committee, unofficially marked the end the year for playing outside.

"This is kind of a celebration of being outdoors," Hayes said.

Bel Aire police to add SRO with federal grant

By Matt Heilman

The City of Bel Aire is adding a new position to its police force with assistance from a federal grant obtained by only five other departments in the state.

At its Oct. 7 meeting, the Bel Aire City Council learned that the city has been awarded a grant through the U.S. Department of Justice called the Community Oriented Policing Services grant, or COPS grant. With the grant, the department of justice will pay 75 percent of the salary of a new school resource officer in Bel Aire over a three-year span.

Bel Aire Finance Director Michelle Meyer, who worked with Bel Aire Police Chief Darrell Atteberry in drafting the grant application, said the school resource officer could be used as a regular patrol officer, but would primarily be assigned to schools in the city.

With the grant, Meyer said the city would be responsible to cover 20 percent of the salary for the new position in the first year, 25 percent in the second year and 30 percent in year three.

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State, local races to be decided in election

By The Breeze staff

The general election to determine representatives at the state and local levels is Nov. 4. In Bel Aire, the ballot will also give residents a choice as to whether or not they're in support of a 1-cent sales tax to help fund long-awaited street-improvement projects.

The projects include improvements on Gunnison, 45th Street and 37th from Woodlawn to Oliver. The city is also hoping to generate sales tax revenue to have money left over for maintenance of other, less-traveled streets in the city.

Specifically, sales tax revenue is being sought to provide a revenue source for the city to make payments on a \$1 million bond the city obtained for street improvement projects.

The candidates on the ballot looking to represent Bel Aire include Sedgwick County District 1 county commissioner Dave Unruh, who is running unopposed to retain his seat.

In House District 85, representing an area that includes most of Bel Aire, incumbent Republican Steve Brunk is facing a challenger in Democrat Patrick Thorpe.

Voters can cast their votes in person at the Sedgwick County Election Office, 510 N. Main in Wichita, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Oct. 22 through 24 and Oct. 27 through 31, and from 8 a.m. to noon Nov. 3.

Advance vote centers — locally, Bel Aire City Hall and Valley Center First United Methodist Church — will be open from noon to 7 p.m. Oct. 28, noon to 5 p.m. Oct. 29, noon to 7 p.m. Oct. 30 and 31, and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 1.

Regular polls on Election Day (Nov. 4) will be open from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m.

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City approves funding for street improvement projects

By Matt Heilman

Bel Aire is experiencing growth with new home construction in several developments. With new home construction has come increased valuation and room in the budget to help fund capital improvement projects.

Bel Aire is in good shape from a budget standpoint compared to where it was

three years ago, but city leaders are still hoping to use sales tax revenue to help pay for a few large-scale street improvement projects. The projects include improvements on Gunnison, 45th Street and 37th from Woodlawn to Oliver. The city is also hoping to generate sales tax revenue to have money left over for maintenance of other, less-traveled streets in the city.

Specifically, sales tax revenue is being sought to provide a revenue source for the city to make payments on a \$1 million bond the city obtained for street improvement projects.

At its Oct. 7 meeting, the city council approved spending for two key paving projects that were identified in May when the city issued a survey for residents to

prioritize the lengthy list of needed street improvements in the city.

The larger of the projects is the \$147,962.50 reconstruction of Gunnison from Flagstaff to Clarendon in "Old Bel Aire," located near the city park and the Sedgwick County Fire Station south of 45th North and Woodlawn. Also in "Old Bel Aire," the council approved curb

and valley gutter repairs on Danbury, Clarendon, Auburn, Perryton and Janesville streets at a cost of \$17,390.

On Bel Aire's main roads, the council approved spending \$16,920 for asphalt repair on 53rd from Woodlawn to Oliver and on St. James Street, located just east of 53rd and Woodlawn. Along with Gunnison, the stretch of 53rd has been identified as an

area in dire need of repair.

City Manager Ty Lasher updated the council on the city's progress in the new home construction front. Through September, Bel Aire had seen 34 new properties go on the tax role, including 24 new starts on single-family construction and 10 starts on

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Mayor's corner

By David Austin

What a month. And November is going to be even better with two ribbon cutting/grand opening celebrations underway.

I was blown away by the talent in Bel Aire that participated in the Bel Aire talent show on Oct. 4. It was great to see so many people involved. Earlier that day, we had a fantastic family free event at the rec center. Not only did we celebrate the 20th birthday of the rec center, the community development advisory committee hosted a fall festival of sorts. Games and activities lasted all morning. Food, entertainment, a bouncy house and an awesome car show sponsored by the Bel Aire Lions all took place until 3 p.m. that day.

Thank you for the tireless work of the committee, who are all volunteers, and Rick Rekoske in City Hall. I was so proud of our city as it was a great way to show off our family-friendly community. It is just one of many reasons why Bel Aire is a great place to call home.

Speaking of homes, to date 34 new homes are on the tax role in Bel Aire with others currently under construction. People all over are realizing we have the best of both worlds to offer in Bel Aire.

You may have noticed the beginnings of land work being done across from Central Park on Woodlawn. That is the future site of a new 60-home development. A model should be up by the Spring Parade of Homes.

Residential isn't the only growth going on in Bel Aire, either. Interest in our commerce park continues to grow. Next Level Hoops Academy will host a grand opening in November and it already has plans to expand.

City Manager Ty Lasher met with Union Pacific representatives and learned everything seems to be moving along well with construction of the rail siding. The railroad continues to market the Sunflower Commerce Park as a great location for industries needing rail service. That combined with our easy access to major highways makes it an attractive site.

Look for that ribbon cutting to take place sometime in November. This makes our commerce park very unique in the region.

Something else you may have noticed if you have been out and about enjoying this nice weather. Thanks to proceeds raised from the Doggy Park pool party held in August, dog walkers now have a pet waste station in Bel Aire and Brookhouser parks at no cost to taxpayers. Thank you again to the volunteers on the community development advisory committee. You continue to make Bel Aire a great place to call home.

As you can see, we have much to be thankful for as we pause for Thanksgiving later this month. I want to thank you again for giving me the honor to serve as your mayor. Happy Thanksgiving to you and your family.



Magic in the air with Blue October

In the summer of 2008, the Kansas City Royals knew they were going to stink for at least a couple more years. But after nabbing four top-three picks in consecutive Major League Baseball drafts from 2005 to 2008, Kansas City's farm system became the most talent-rich in the big leagues.

It was only a matter of time before the potentially franchise-changing prospects would be ready to take professional baseball by storm and catapult the Royals into contention. It took a year or two later than expected, but here the Royals are, in the World Series. Despite a few head-scratching decisions by Ned Yost, here they are for the first time since Casey Kasem played songs by Wham! on his top 40 radio show.

Kansas City's path to prosperity hasn't been conventional. With the exception of Alex Gordon — taken second overall in the 2005 MLB draft — the Royals' prospects haven't panned out.

Mike Moustakas, taken second overall in the 2007 draft, and Eric Hosmer, taken No. 3 overall in 2008, have been particularly frustrating. Hosmer has shown flashes of his potential, but his career stats are underwhelming. Compared to what was expected, Moustakas has stunk.

But with four swings of the bat and solid defense at the corners of the Royals' infield this postseason, all seems to have

Heil on life

By Matt Heilman



been forgiven. In a seven-game postseason win streak leading up to the World Series, Hosmer caught fire and Moustakas de-thawed to the point he's no longer considered a liability at the plate.

In those first seven postseason games in the American League Division Series and the AL Championship Series, Hosmer and Moustakas combined to hit four of the biggest homeruns in the history of the Royals' franchise. The dog days of July when I would curse Moustakas under my breath every time I heard Denny Matthews announce his name in the lineup are gone.

We've arrived at a new age when collectively, the Royals have risen above their pay grade. Guys that barely scratch the surface of qualifying as millionaires spent three games in early October schooling the star-packed Los Angeles Angels and embarrassing three players signed to long-term contracts worth almost half of a billion dollars.

The Royals are fast. The Royals have incredible pitching depth and some of the best glove work fans young and old have ever witnessed. And way better late than never, the Royals are finally hitting the ball.

When Billy Butler, an "athlete" that looks (and runs) like a beer league softball player, manages to steal a base against the team that finished with the best record in professional baseball this year, I don't know how the Royals' run can be described as anything but "magical."

It started with the crazy, 12-inning, single-elimination battle against Oakland when Kansas City picked the perfect time to break out from their offensive puniness.

There's no telling how it will end. As of Oct. 23, the Royals redeemed themselves in Game 2 of the World Series after dropping the opener in ugly fashion at home against the San Francisco Giants.

Even if Kansas City loses the World Series, the Royals' season will be chalked up as an overwhelming success. But when Billy Butler steals a base, it's hard to imagine that there's not more excitement to come.

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Police

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With area growth associated with the presence of Northeast Magnet High School and Isely Traditional Magnet Elementary School, Atteberry indicated his department would want to continue having a school resource officer after the three years covered in the grant has ended.

Meyer and Atteberry said it has yet to be determined if

a new officer will be hired to fill the role of school resource officer or if a current officer already serving in Bel Aire would take on a new role.

Meyer said she's submitted applications for a COPS grant in the past, but the city wasn't rewarded until this year when the emphasis was placed on requesting an SRO.

"There are more students in Bel Aire and more citizens in the community with the new schools as well," Meyer said.

In all, the grant awarded

to Bel Aire amounts to \$114,971. Other departments in the state that received COPS grant money include the Cherryvale, Derby, Iola and Kansas State University police departments and the Osawatimie Department of Public Safety.

In Bel Aire, Atteberry said the objective of the school resource officer is to help augment safe learning environments in all of the city's schools and to be a mentor and additional teacher for students, establishing trust and

building relationships.

"Kids' problems don't end when they cross the threshold to the school," Atteberry said.

He said his department is in the selection process for the school resource officer and once the position is filled, the officer will have to undergo training specific to be an SRO. Meyer said the grant would cover all of the training needed for the new position.

"I think it's just gonna be a great partnership," Atteberry said.

Streets

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duplexes.

"That adds up to about \$1.2 million in added valuation," Lasher said.

The council approved spending for infrastructure work in Chapel Landing, an upscale single-family housing development planned for land near 53rd North and Woodlawn, across 53rd from Isely Traditional Magnet Elementary School. Specifically, the council accepted a quote of about \$1.2 million for concrete streets, storm sewer and sidewalks in Phase

I of Chapel Landing.

The cost for the improvements will be covered over time by future residents of the development through special assessments.

Also on Oct. 7, the council: •Approved an appropriations ordinance of \$928,467.63. Mayor David Austin pointed out that approximately \$700,000 of the allocated spending is dedicated to a capital improvement project in the Rock Spring addition.

•Heard from Bel Aire Police Chief Darrell Atteberry who showed the council new equipment purchased by the police department including one of the six new stop sticks, or "spike strips" that are intended to stop a fleeing vehicle in a police pursuit and trail cameras meant to monitor private property that could be susceptible to thefts or burglaries.

•Approved a change order of \$22,212.73 with Kansas Paving for paving and drainage improvements in Phase I of the Courtyards at Elk Creek.

Creek.

•Approved the Bel Aire Seniors funding policy. Council member Guy MacDonald opposed the policy.

•Approved spending \$18,997 out the city's capital improvement fund for the purchase of a new truck in the parks department.

Get facts for vote on tax

On Nov. 4, voters in Valley Center and Bel Aire will be asked an important question: Should these cities implement a 1 percent sales tax to pay for street repairs?

By now, voters should have had time to explore their options with this question.

If the initiative fails, the cities will have to use existing revenue sources — especially property taxes — to fund road improvements. That could mean higher property taxes in the future.

If the proposal passes, the cities will be able to immediately address projects that in some cases are long overdue.

In Valley Center, the 1 cent sales tax will be used to improve Fifth Street from the floodway bridge to Broadway, Meridian from 77th to 69th, Meridian from Main to Fifth, 93rd from Seneca to Broadway, Emporia from Fifth north to the recreation facilities, Ash from Fifth to Main, Third from Sheridan to the railroad crossing and from Park to Meridian, Main from Meridian to Sheridan, 69th from Meridian to Seneca, and 77th from the floodway bridge to Broadway.

In Bel Aire, city officials want to use the sales tax revenue to help pay for current projects on 37th, 45th and Gunnison and have money left over for maintenance of other streets.

In both cities, the sales tax will end in 10 years or (in Valley Center's case) when all the specific projects have been completed, whichever comes first.

Many cities in Sedgwick County, including Wichita, are considering sales tax initiatives.

Voters in Haysville and Goddard have already approved local sales taxes for infrastructure improvements.

We believe there are better ways to fund street improvements. Through long-term planning, major roadwork can take place under a city's current system of capital improvements.

However, our vote isn't the one that matters. Your vote is the one that counts.

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City of Bel Aire



Bel Aire Recreation

BOYS BASKETBALL 2015
Basketball is for boys ages 5-11. Games will be played on Saturdays beginning January 10, 2015. Practices will be set up by coaches on weeknights beginning the week of December 15. The registration deadline is December 6.

MARVELOUS MODELS
These classes will focus on how to model your own clothes and walk the runway, with an emphasis on self-confidence and having fun. Classes will be held on Monday evenings beginning October 27th. This program is for girls ages 4 & up.

TAEKWONDO (ages 5 & up)
Classes meet on Monday & Friday from 5:00-

6:00 pm or Tuesday & Thursday from 7:00-8:00 pm. These are great classes for beginners to black belts.

YOGA
Classes are held on Mondays and Wednesdays from 6:10-7:10 pm. Participants need to provide their own yoga mat. Adults can join at any time! Teens & adults can join at any time!

FITNESS CENTER (ages 16 & up)
The Fitness Center consists of elliptical cross trainers, treadmills, recumbent bike, multi-station weight machine, and free-weights. There is no charge for pass holders, or it is available with the purchase of a daily pass.

Bel Aire Seniors

All SENIORS 55+ are cordially invited to all events listed below. The Senior Center and Library area are open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday excluding holidays. The library has a wide selection of library books to check out at no cost nor time restraints, along with computers available for study or research. Remember any senior can belong to or attend more than one senior center/club in Sedgwick County.

Locations:

Senior Center/Community Room – 7651 E. Central Park Ave., 744-2451
Recreation Center – 5251 E. 48th St. N., 744-2700

Weekly Events:

Bel Aire Walkers – M-F, 8-9 a.m. at the Rec Center (indoors & climate controlled)
Free for BA Senior members, alternate times available

Men’s Coffee & Fellowship – Mondays, 10 a.m. at the Senior Center

Yoga – Mondays & Wednesdays, 6 p.m. at the Rec Center (monthly fee)

Bridge Games – Tuesdays, 1 p.m. at the Senior Center

Low Impact Aerobics – Wednesdays, 9 a.m. at the Rec Center

Game Day – Thursdays, 2-4 p.m. at the Rec Center

Braums Breakfast – Fridays, 9:00 a.m. on North Rock Road

Monthly & Special Events:

Oct. 15 - Dec. 7 — Medicare Open Enrollment

Nov. 3, 6:30 p.m. — Potluck Dinner, program w/ Gary O’Neal “Trip to Alaska”

Nov. 5, 10 a.m. — Volunteer library work time at the Senior Center

Nov. 6, 1:30 p.m. — Genealogy with Lori DeWinkler at the Senior Center

Nov. 7 8 a.m. - AARP Driving Course at the Senior Center (Call 744-2452 Ext. 121 for reservation)

Nov. 7, 6 p.m. — Pitch at the Bel Aire Senior Center

Nov. 11, 6 p.m. — Ladies Dine Out - for info call Anita at 744-2840

Nov. 12, 10 a.m. — Open Sewing at the Senior Center

Nov. 13, 1 p.m. — Mosquito/tick Information with Chris Steward at the Senior Center

Nov. 14 — Medicare Part D counseling, call 744-2451 X 121 to schedule an appointment

Nov. 19 — Life Line Screening at the Bel Aire Rec Center. For an appointment call 1-888-653-6450

Nov. 19, 10:15 a.m. — Senior Aerobics Brunch (different locations)

Nov. 20, 1:30 p.m. — Caregivers Need Care Too w/ Connie Mansaw at the Senior Center

Nov. 21, 6 p.m. — Pitch at the Bel Aire Senior Center

Nov. 24, 6 p.m. — Covered Dish Dinner, Program with Drew Pearson

Nov. 26, 7 p.m. — Bunko games at the Senior Center (reservation required, call 744-2451 x 121)

Nov. 27, 10 a.m. — Open Sewing at the Senior Center

Dec. 1, 6:30 p.m. — Potluck Dinner, Share Your Best Christmas Memory — Community Room

Community Events

TOPS — Tuesdays, 9 a.m. at the Senior Center

City Council Meetings — 1st & 3rd Tuesdays of every month

Nov. 4 — Election Day

Nov. 5 — 12 p.m. — Chamber Meeting

Nov. 5 — 7 p.m. — Municipal Court

Nov. 10 — 7 p.m. — Central Park HOA meeting at the Senior Center

Nov. 11 — 7 p.m. — Bel Aire Heights HOA meeting in the Community Room

Nov. 13 — 2pm — 8:30 p.m. — Red Cross Blood Drive in the Community Room

Nov. 18 — 4-6 p.m. — UAC Meeting at the Senior Center

Nov. 20 — 12:30 — Municipal Court 12:30

Nov. 24 — 7 p.m. — Tree Board Meeting at the Senior Center

Nov. 27 — Thanksgiving (Bel Aire City Offices Closed)

Nov. 28 — Bel Aire City Offices Closed

City of Bel Aire
Local Street Improvement Program
2014 Sales Tax Vote

Background

In 2013, the City conducted a public survey to find out which street repair projects were of the greatest concern to citizens. Based on these results, the City Council approved a temporary note in 2014 to finance \$1.1 million in street improvements including:

- Replace 45th Street from Webb to 1/2 west (completed)
- Replace Gunnison from Flagstaff to Clarendon
- Replace Edgemore from 41st Street to 45th Street
- Slurry Seal Woodlawn from 37th to 53rd Street

These four projects were only a few of those identified by the public as being in need of repair or replacement but the City's limited Street Fund budget does not provide for additional

In July, your City Council approved an Ordinance to allow Bel Aire voters to decide if they wanted to implement a 1% (1 cent) City sales tax to specifically fund street improvements. The proposed tax will provide approximately \$200,000 per year and will end after 10 years.

All revenues will go directly to the Street Fund to help pay for the debt service on the projects already in progress and fund additional improvements including widening 37th Street. Future projects will be prioritized with public input just as current projects were.

Sales Tax Rates in Wichita Metro Area

*Andover	8.40%
Augusta	8.40%
*Bel Aire	8.15%
Goddard	8.15%
Hayville	8.15%
Mulvane (Sdgwk)	8.15%
Newton	8.15%
*Valley Center	8.15%
Wellington	8.15%
*Wichita	8.15%

*Including 1% Proposal on November Ballot

Financial Information

The City's Street Fund is funded solely with State & County Highway Fuel taxes of around \$250,000 per year. This graph illustrates the 2014 expenditure budget where 48% of expenses are for street repair. This limited fund does not allow the City to improve streets in accordance with citizen needs.

City of Bel Aire

LEARN MORE ABOUT THE 1% SALES TAX:
ATTEND A COMMUNITY MEETING

Saturday, October 25th at 9am
&
Tuesday, October 28th at 7pm

Both meetings held in the Community Room at City Hall

How the Question Will Appear on the Ballot

Shall a retailers' sales tax in the amount of one percent (1.00%) be levied in the City of Bel Aire, Kansas, to take effect January 1, 2015, or as soon thereafter as such tax may be levied by the Kansas Department of Revenue, with revenue from such tax used to fund a Local Street Improvement Program; and provided that such retailers' sales tax shall expire on the date ten years after it is first levied, all pursuant to K.S.A. 12-487, et seq., as amended?

To vote in favor of any question submitted on this ballot, press the word "YES" on the voting machine or completely darken the oval to the left of the word "YES" on the paper ballot. To vote against it, press the word "NO" on the voting machine or completely darken the oval to the left of the word "NO" on the paper ballot.

Important Election Dates

October 22	Advance voting in person for November General Election begins in the election office at 8:00 a.m.
October 28	Advance Vote Centers Open at 12 Noon
November 1	Advance Vote Centers Close at 4:00 p.m.
November 3	Advance voting in person in the election office for November General ends at 12:00 Noon
November 4	November General Election - Polls open from 6:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Advance ballots must be in the election office by 7:00 p.m.

Where to Vote

Voters Residing In Precinct	Will Vote At	Location
Bel Aire 1, 2 & 3	Bel Aire City Hall	7651 E Central Park, Bel Aire, KS

City Hall

Ty Lasher, City Manager	744-2451, ext. 217
Recreation Department	744-2700
Central Park Pool	744-7331
Parks Department	744-8609
Police • Emergency	911
Non-emergency	744-6000
Animal Control (Sedgwick County)	660-7070
Public Works	744-2888
Water/Sewer Emergency (after 5 p.m.) 761-6972 or 761-6973	
Utility Billing	744-2451, ext. 132
(Waste Connections)	838-4920
Hazardous Waste (Sedgwick County)	660-7464

The City of Bel Aire offers information on historically flooding such as site specific past flood locations and high water marks throughout the city. If needed a representative from the City of Bel Aire can make site visits to your home or property to review flooding, drainage and sewer problems. In addition a Certified Building inspector is currently on staff to provide advice on the retrofitting of flood prone structures such as elevation of the structure and flood proofing. You can contact the City of Bel Aire by calling 316-744-2451 Ext. 120

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FALL FESTIVAL AND TALENT SHOW • OCT. 4, 2014



The City of Bel Aire held a big event on October 4th to celebrate the Bel Aire Recreation Center’s 20th Anniversary! Many organizations partnered and sponsored activities with the City of Bel

Aire for this event, including the Bel Aire Chamber of Commerce, the Bel Aire Lions Club, Chisholm Trail State Bank, Wickham Glass, Rock Ridge Family Medicine, Providence Realty, and Andale Paving. The event brought in ap-

proximately 1,500 people for the Fall Festival! The City of Bel Aire wishes to express a sincere appreciation for all of the volunteers and sponsors for this big event!

Activities for the Fall Festival included a Car Show, sponsored by the Bel Aire Lions Club, an Ice Cream Social, sponsored by the Chisholm Trail

State Bank, food vendors, and many kid’s activities. Sticky Icky’s sponsored the disc golf activities. Trophies for the car show were given away for the Mayor’s Choice, People Choice car, and People’s Choice non-car categories.

Later in the evening, The City of Bel Aire held a Talent Show inside the NE Magnet High School auditorium at 7 PM. Many great prizes were given away including cash prizes for the top 5 contestants. Grand prize winner received \$150.00 cash and a FREE limo ride by Artistic Limo! The winner of this year’s Talent Show is Anna Henry! Congratulations Anna!



Pumpkin Coloring



Anna Henry



Trolley Tour! On Oct. 7, the City of Bel Aire hosted a lunch and learn for area real estate agents. Over 50 realtors were in attendance to hear a brief presentation of Bel Aire and trolley tour of the new home areas in town. Thanks to all who attended and the builders for their financial support.



The Mayor’s pick during the car show.



Next Level Hoops will hold a Grand Opening on Nov. 15. Details to follow.



Rail Siding for Sunflower Commerce Park will be completed by November 2014.

POLICE REPORTS

Oct. 16 — Lt. Foxx conducted a traffic stop in the 8100 block of East 53rd North. The driver was issued citations after being found to be driving with a suspended license.

Oct. 15 — Officer Steele responded to a report of a suspicious vehicle in the 6000 block of North Rock Road. The officer contacted the driver who advised he had been prescribed medication to address mental health issues, but stopped taking his medicine.

Oct. 14 — Bel Aire police and Sedgwick County Sheriff's deputies responded to a domestic abuse call in the 6000 block of East Flagstaff. The calling party described having a verbal argument with her husband. The husband left the residence before police arrived.

Oct. 14 — Officer Camplin conducted a traffic stop after observing a vehicle traveling northbound on Woodlawn and not coming to a complete stop before turning right onto 45th Street. Upon checking the license plate, the officer discovered the tag on the vehicle had been removed from the system. The tag was seized and submitted and the driver was issued a citation.

Oct. 14 — Officer Elpers responded to a burglary reported in the 6500 block of East Perryton. The reporting party stated that his residence had been forcefully entered when someone kicked in the front door. He said items were taken from the residence.

Oct. 14 — Officer Elpers responded to a suspicious character report in the 5700 block of East 39th North. A citizen reported a man in his early 20s coming to her door to sell cleaning spray and that he kept trying to enter the residence after she told him she wasn't interested. The resident reported that the man looked into multiple windows before walking away. The suspect had diamond earrings and tattoos on his hand. Elpers was unable to locate anyone matching the description in the area.

Oct. 13 — Officer Toomey responded to a possible disturbance in the 7800 block of East 45th North. There was a report of a vehicle traveling through a private property and damaging a lawn. The suspect said he took a wrong turn onto the property. There was no discernible damage to property.

Oct. 13 — Officer Elpers confirmed a warrant on a suspect in the Butler County Jail and transported him to the Sedgwick County Jail.

Oct. 13 — Officers Camplin and Toomey responded to a report involving a suspicious vehicle in the 4400 block of North Mission. The vehicle was checked and found to be empty.

Oct. 12 — Officer Elpers conducted a traffic stop after observing a motorist speeding in the 5000 block of North Oliver.

Oct. 11 — Officer Camplin conducted a traffic stop after observing a vehicle running a stop sign at 45th North and Woodlawn. A driver was issued a citation for the infraction and for driving with a suspended license.

Oct. 11 — Lt. Foxx responded to a report of an injury vehicle accident in the 4500 block of North Woodlawn.

Oct. 11 — Officer Roney responded to a reported auto theft in the 6000 block of East Clarendon. Bryce Marc Johnston was arrested on charges of theft and contempt of court.

Oct. 11 — Officer Elpers responded to a non-injury vehicle accident involving a coyote in the 5000 block of North Woodlawn.

Oct. 10 — Officer Roney presented a suspect with a no trespassing order in the 6700 block of East 45th North. The suspect had previously made threats to staff members at the Catholic Care Center.

Oct. 9 — Officer Roney took a miscellaneous offense report in the 6700 block of East 45th North. There was a report of a criminal threat made at the Catholic Care Center.

Oct. 9 — Officer Roney took a miscellaneous offense report in the 4800 block of North Chapelview. The calling party reported that her email had been hacked and using her account, someone had attempted fraud.

Oct. 9 — Officer Roney took a miscellaneous report in the 4100 block of North Clarendon. There was a civil issue associated with the attempted repossession of a vehicle.

Oct. 9 — Office Steele conducted a building check after finding a door open to Northeast Magnet High School, 5550 N. Lycee. There was no criminal activity found.

Oct. 8 — Officers Camplin and Steele responded to a suspicious character report in the 8500 block of East Granite Court. The calling party reported hearing someone trying to break in to one of her vehicles. There was no sign of suspicious activity nor that any of the vehicles had been disturbed.

Oct. 8 — Chief Atteberry responded to a non-injury vehicle accident in the 4800 block of North Chapelview.

Oct. 8 — Chief Atteberry assisted Wichita police by contacting the owner of a non-contact vehicle involved in an accident in Wichita.

Oct. 8 — Officer Steele took a miscellaneous report at the station. The driver of a vehicle in a ride-sharing service reported complaints about a passenger.

Oct. 7 — Officer Camplin and a Sedgwick County Sheriff's deputy assisted EMS in response to a possible overdose in the 4200 block of North Janesville.

Oct. 7 — Officer Camplin and a sheriff's deputy took a miscellaneous report of a person ringing a doorbell of a residence in the 4300 block of North Rushwood Court. A suspect who was not allowed at the residence was told he would be trespassing if he returned.

Oct. 7 — Officer Camplin and a sheriff's deputy responded to a domestic disturbance in the 4300 block of North Rushwood. A suspect from the previous call was now at

a neighbor's house and refused to leave. The suspect was told to grab his things and leave.

Oct. 7 — Officer Roney responded to a report of a found adult male in the 5300 block of East 49th Street Court. The man was returned to his home.

Oct. 6 — Officer Camplin conducted a traffic stop in the 4600 block of North Krueger. A driver was cited for driving with an expired tag.

Oct. 6 — Officer Menges took a miscellaneous report in the 4800 block of Hedgerow Court. The calling party reported receiving verbal threats over the phone.

Oct. 6 — Officer Elpers responded to a possible burglary-in-progress in the 5100 block of East Ashton. There was no burglary.

Oct. 6 — Officer Toomey took a miscellaneous report involving a juvenile runaway in the 5100 block of East Ashton.

Oct. 5 — Officer Menges took a miscellaneous report in the 6000 block of East Clarendon. A suspect reported to be having a mental episode was asked to lie down and sleep off his behavior.

Oct. 5 — Officer Menges responded to a second report at a residence in the 6000 block of East Clarendon where Bryce Marc Johnston was arrested after being found in possession of marijuana and drug paraphernalia. Johnston was also charged for contempt of court.

Oct. 5 — Officer Menges responded to a report of vandalism in the 6000 block of East Clarendon. The officer responded to a non-injury vehicle accident involving a mailbox that had been hit by a car sometime during the night.

Oct. 4 — Officer Camplin observed a vehicle cross the centerline of traffic multiple times in the 4700 block of North Rock Road. The driver was stopped and cited for the traffic violation and for driving with a suspended license.

Oct. 4 — Officer Menges responded to a report of a suicide attempt in the 4300 block of North Rushwood.

Oct. 4 — Officer Roney stopped a vehicle for traveling south in the north lane of traffic in the 5200 block of Toller Road. Mickle Anthony Swenson was arrested on a charges of DUI, refusal to submit a preliminary breath test and transporting an open container of alcohol.

Oct. 3 — Officer Menges took a miscellaneous report in the 5700 block of East Odessa. A resident came to the police department to complain about her daughter's boyfriend constantly breaking her rules and being disrespectful.

Oct. 3 — Officer Menges was contacted by Andover police that they had a suspect in custody on a Bel Aire warrant. The officer transported the subject to the Sedgwick County Jail and gave her a Bel Aire court date.

Oct. 3 — Officer Menges assisted Chief Atteberry in response to a report involving two dogs running at-large in a neighborhood in the 4300 block of North Rushwood.

The owner of the dogs was cited for allowing her dogs to run at-large and for not being current on vaccinations/tags.

Oct. 3 — Officer Elpers responded to a report of larceny from American Fence Company in the 5100 block of Industrial Drive. Three pieces of equipment were reported stolen.

Oct. 3 — Officer Roney responded to a suspicious character report in the 7100 block of East 45th North. Officer made contact with a subject who was found to be homeless. The man was transported to a shelter.

Oct. 3 — Officer Elpers responded to a report of a parked vehicle being struck by another vehicle in front of a residence in the 5100 block of East 46th North.

Oct. 1 — Officer Camplin conducted a traffic stop in the 5500 block of North Rock Road. A driver was cited for driving with a suspended license.

Oct. 1 — Officer Roney took a miscellaneous report in the 5600 block of Lycee. A construction superintendent reported electricians on the property had observed two males looking at several HVAC units at the apartment complex under construction. The superintendent said the electricians chased after the males who got in a dark-colored vehicle and took off. The officer also checked materials at Northeast Magnet High School. Nothing appeared to be missing.

Oct. 1 — Officer Steele and a Kechi officer responded to a report of a suspicious character in the 3800 block of North Oliver. No suspicious activity was detected.

Sept. 30 — Officer Camplin responded to a report of a found license plate in the 4300 block of North Oliver.

Sept. 30 — Officers Elpers and Camplin responded to assist Wichita police in trying to locate a possible domestic violence victim in the 5100 block of North Colonial Avenue. Camplin was able to locate the subject.

Sept. 29 — Officer Elpers responded to a vehicle accident with a suspect attempting to leave the scene in the 3700 block of North Rock Road. Wichita police arrested one suspect on warrants, driving with a revoked license and for an attempted hit-and-run. Wichita police cited the reporting party for driving without an interlock device. The suspect taken into custody was not identified.

Sept. 28 — Officer Camplin responded to a report of a wrong-way driver on K-254. The officer assisted a Kechi officer with a field sobriety test after the driver was stopped and transported the driver to the Sedgwick County Jail. Joseph Harvey Poole, of McPherson was arrested on a charges of DUI, reckless driving and driving with a suspended license

Sept. 27 — Officer Camplin conducted a traffic stop in the 4600 block of North Woodlawn. The driver was arrested after being found to have a Ford County warrant.

The identity of the suspect was not available.

Sept. 27 — Officer Roney responded to a report of a reckless driver in the 6500 block of East 45th North. The alleged traffic infraction was found to have occurred in the Wichita city limits.

Sept. 27 — Officer Roney responded to a burglary in the 4400 block of East Gunnison. Two males were attempting to prank people they knew in the house by ringing the doorbell and knocking on the windows. The residents confirmed they knew the boys.

Sept. 27 — Officer Elpers responded to a disturbance involving an aggravated assault in the 5900 block of East Flagstaff. A suspect was taken to a Wichita hospital for assessment and then booked into the Sedgwick County jail. Joshua Samuel Gentry was arrested on numerous charges including aggravated assault, domestic violence assault, domestic violence criminal damage to property, violation of a no contact order and three counts of battery to a law enforcement officer and in violation of no contact order.

Sept. 26 — Officer Menges responded to a report of an abandoned vehicle that had been sitting for more than 24 hours in the 5900 block of East 37th North. The owner of the vehicle was contacted and stated that he was going to get the vehicle moved by the end of the day.

Sept. 26 — Officer Menges responded to a reported vehicle accident with injuries in the 3800 block of North Woodlawn.

Sept. 26 — Officer Elpers conducted a traffic stop in the 5500 block of East 37th North. A driver was cited after being observed driving without a seatbelt and for driving without a valid driver's license.

Sept. 25 — Officer Menges and a Sedgwick County Sheriff's deputy responded to a report of larceny in the 6700 block of East 45th North. The calling party reported his wife's jewelry was stolen sometime between July 1 and Aug. 8 while she was under a facility's care.

Sept. 25 — Officer Roney responded to a dog-at-large in the 4700 block of North Krueger. A boxer breed of dog with a black collar, but no tag, was transported to the humane society.

Sept. 25 — Officers Roney and Louks assisted Kechi police in response to a domestic violence call in the 200 block of Sandstone Court in Kechi.

Sept. 25 — Officer Steele and a sheriff's deputy responded to a burglary-in-progress in the 4300 block of North Country Lane. There was no sign of a burglary and there did not appear to be an apparent suggestion of suspicious activity at this time. A woman was transported to a Wichita hospital to be evaluated.

Sept. 25 — Officer Menges responded to a report of a vicious dog-at-large in the 4100 block of North Edinburg. The dog was let back into the yard of its owners' residence. The calling party reported the dog

had bitten her dog on the snout.

Sept. 24 — Officer Camplin conducted a traffic stop in the 5100 block of North Oliver. The driver was cited for speeding and driving with a suspended license.

Sept. 24 — Officer Camplin found a driver to have a Wichita warrant following a traffic stop in the 5100 block of North Oliver. The name of the suspect was not available.

Sept. 23 — Officer Elpers responded to a miscellaneous report involving a suspicious vehicle in the 4500 block of North Rushwood.

Sept. 23 — Officer Elpers conducted a traffic stop in the 7000 block of East 45th North. A driver was cited after speeding and failing to use a turn signal.

Sept. 23 — Officer Elpers responded to a report of domestic violence in the 8400 block of East Granite Court. The calling party reported her boyfriend woke her up and kicked her out of the house.

Sept. 22 — Officer Camplin conducted a traffic stop in the 3800 block of North Woodlawn. A driver was cited for a tag violation and violating driving restrictions.

Sept. 21 — Officer Elpers responded to a disturbance in the 6100 block of Edinburg. A situation where a juvenile did not want to stay at a home was resolved.

Sept. 21 — Officer Elpers responded to a report of a juvenile running away from home in the 4400 block of North Mission.

Sept. 21 — Officer Elpers responded to assist Wichita police in an attempt to locate the suspect of a disturbance in the 5500 block of East 49th North.

Sept. 20 — Officer Elpers conducted a traffic stop in the 5500 block of East 37th North after noticing a driver not wearing his seatbelt. The driver was cited after he was found to have a suspended driver's license.

Sept. 20 — Officers Louks and Steele responded to a report of an overdose in the 200 block of North Prairie Creek Court in Kechi.

Sept. 19 — Lt. Foxx responded to a non-injury vehicle accident involving a deer in the 5600 block of East 53rd North.

Sept. 19 — Officer Menges responded to a report of a possible suicidal person in the 5900 block of East Memphis. The subject was not suicidal.

Sept. 19 — Officer Menges responded to a report of dogs at-large at Sedgwick County Fire Station 37, 4343 N. Woodlawn. Two female bulldogs were transported to the humane society.

Sept. 18 — Officer Menges arrested Beau R. Sorker on a Bel Aire warrant at municipal court.

Sept. 18 — Officer Menges arrested a subject on two Goddard warrants at municipal court. The name of the suspect was not available.

Sept. 18 — Officer Roney conducted a welfare check in the 4800 block of East Willow Point Court. A child was transported to the Wichita Children's Home.

CHURCH HIGHLIGHTS

Christ Lutheran Church

Christ Lutheran is located at 53rd Street North and Hillside, across from Wichita Heights High School. Worship services are at 9:00 a.m. (Contemporary) and 11:00 a.m. (Traditional). Communion is offered at both services. Sunday School is at 10:15 a.m. For more information about the church and its activities find the church online at www.christ-lutheran.org, or call 744-1242. Pastor Chad Langdon is the minister of Christ Lutheran Church.

Church of the Resurrection

Church of the Resurrection (Roman Catholic) is located at 4910 N. Woodlawn in Bel Aire. Masses for the Lord's Day are 5:30 p.m. Saturday and 8:30 and 11 a.m. Sunday. Weekday Masses are 8 a.m. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday; also at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday. Resurrection Catholic School has students from preschool through eighth grade. The parish/school website is www.resurrectionwichita.com. Phone number is 744-2776. Rev. James F. Weldon is the pastor.

Community Bible Chapel

Community Bible Chapel is located at the corner of 45th st. N and Arlene. Please contact Amy Smith at 316-323-2819 with any questions.

Fairmount United Church of Christ

The church welcomes a new minister, Rev. Larry Young.

Visit the newly renovated building at 1605 Fairmount in Wichita (one block south and one block east of Hillside and 17th North). Sunday worship is at 10:30 a.m. which includes children's church. Sunday school begins at 9:30. For more information, call 682-1597 or visit at www.fairmountuccc.org.

Gospel Assembly Church

Located at 4230 N. Oliver in Bel Aire, service times are 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. Sunday. Prayer service is 7 p.m. Tuesday. Praise and worship is 7:30 p.m. Wednesday. The first Saturday evening of each month are youth activities. Phone number is 744-1502. Rev. Gary D. Green is the pastor.

Greenwich United Methodist Church

Sunday worship service at 9 a.m. Fellowship and coffee follow the service. Pastor Jeff Miller can be reached at 744-0203.

Senior Day first Tuesday of each month at 10 a.m.

United Methodist Women meet the first Thursday of each month at 1 p.m.

Movie night is the second Saturday of each month at 6:30 p.m. A snack is served.

The church is located about a mile south of K-254 on Greenwich Road. The phone number is 744-0203.

Kechi United Methodist Church

You are invited to worship at 9:03 a.m. (contemporary service) or 11:00 a.m. (traditional service) on Sundays at

Kechi United Methodist Church, 4533 E. 61st North in Kechi. Pastor Mitch Reece will begin a new series on Nov. 9 titled "A Blessed Life."

All 6th - 12th grade youth are invited to the church at 4:00 p.m. on Sundays for youth group.

Kechi UMC's annual Turkey Dinner will be held on Nov. 1 from 4:30 - 7:00 p.m. Tickets are \$9 for adults and \$4 for children ages 4-11. Menu is Thanksgiving Dinner with all the trimmings, including pie and drink!

CareGivers Support group meets every first Monday of the month at 7 p.m. in the basement parlor. Bingo is every first Wednesday of the month at 1:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome to join in!

Find us at www.KechiUMC.org and "Like" us on Facebook. Pastor Mitch can be contacted at Mitch@kechiumc.org. Phone number 744-1221.

LifePoint Church

A fellowship of the Assemblies of God, LifePoint is located at 400 S. Abilene.

Sunday worship service and Kids Church are at 10:30 a.m., and Life University/Sunday school for all ages is at 9 a.m. No regular Sunday night service. For special activities, see the website, www.lpcag.org.

On Wednesday evenings, Launch children's program meets at 6:30 p.m. Velocity Student Ministries for youth meets at 6:30 p.m.

Adult small groups meet throughout the community.

Senior Pastor: Steve Rains. Youth Pastor: Jacob Soye. Children's Pastor: Nathaniel Thurman. Call 755-2331.

Risen Savior Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod

Contemporary Sunday worship services at 8 and 10:30 a.m. Communion on the first and third Sunday. Adult Sunday school and Bible class meet at 9:15 a.m. Children's church at 10:30. A nursery is provided during Bible class and second service.

Two weekly sessions of Lifetree Café in Valley Center: Thursday at 1:00 p.m. (Lunch at Noon) at the Community Building (316 E. Clay) and Sunday at 5:00 p.m. at the home of Pastor Terry & Barb Wiechman (1241 S. Park Avenue). Lifetree Café is a "conversation café"; a place and time for people to gather weekly to experience stories and talk about thought-provoking topics relating to life and faith.

Wednesday Evening Ministries is from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. There are activities for all ages. A nursery will be available for preschool age children. King's Kids is for children in K – 5th grade. Confirmation class is for children in grades 6 – 8. IMPACT! is for grades 9 – 12. There will also be adult Bible classes available.

Blood Drive at Risen Savior Lutheran Church on Nov. 23 from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. Please contact Red Cross at 1-800-REDCROSS or log on to redcross-blood.org to schedule an appointment.

Risen Savior Preschool classes for 3 to 5 year-olds are on Monday/Wednesday/Friday from 9:00 to 11:45 a.m. Enrollment forms and information are available at the church office. Please contact Michelle Peshek, Director/Lead Teacher with questions at michellep@risensavior.net or call the church office at 683-5538.

The church is located at 6770 E. 34th North in Wichita. The phone number is

683-5538. www.risensaviorwichita.net. Senior pastor is Tom Harmon.

St. Michael's Orthodox Christian Church

Saint Michael's Orthodox Christian Church is located at 2710 East 61st Street Park City, KS 67219. It is a congregation of the Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America. "...the disciples were first called Christians at Antioch." Acts 11:26 Saint Michael is a western rite congregation using the Liturgy of Saint Gregory. It is the only western rite Orthodox Church in the State of Kansas. Join us for our worship of the Holy Trinity using the ancient and beautiful liturgy of the Undivided Church.

On Sunday at 9 a.m. is our adult class, "Jesus: The Man, the Message and the Meaning" Service of Matins is at 9:45 a.m. followed by the Divine Liturgy (Mass) at 10 a.m. Nursery service is provided.

On Wednesday our service is at 6 p.m. On Saturday Vespers is at 4:30 p.m.

Men's Study Group first and third Monday at 7 p.m. We are studying the Gospel of Luke.

Women's Study Group second and fourth Friday at 10 a.m. We are studying the book, GOD'S PATH TO SANITY: Lessons from Ancient Holy Counselors on How to have a Sound Mind.

You are invited to a directed reading of "The Divine Comedy" of Dante Alighieri on Thursdays at 7 p.m. Our presenter is Stan Cox. For more information contact him at 316-648-1678 or email him at latin8@cox.net. This program is open to the public. Please join us for a study of one of the greatest spiritual classics in the

Western Christian tradition.

Wednesday Potluck Supper and Program are on the first and third Wednesdays with Liturgy 6 p.m., Potluck Supper 6:45 p.m., Program 7:30 p.m. This fall our program is on the Epistle to the Ephesians entitled, THE FULL ARMOUR OF GOD: An introduction to the Orthodox Church's teaching on Satan, the demons and Spiritual Warfare.

During the month of November we are collecting food and hygiene products for the Center of Hope in Wichita

Special Event on Nov. 19 at 6:30 p.m. with Kristi Smith whose dad was murdered while trying to help stop a robbery of a neighbor's pharmacy. Kristi's story of her journey to forgiveness and what she thinks about the death penalty is simply moving. Following her speech, the floor will be open for Q&A session. Everyone is invited

Call the church for more information 734-6248 or visit our web: www.saintmichaelorthodoxchurch.com Email inquiries: jlora@cox.net

Wichita Three Angels Seventh-Day Adventist Church

The church is located at 4558 N. Hydraulic Wichita, KS 67219.

The pastor is Nathan Stearman. The Sabbath school is at 9:30 a.m. Worship service is at 11 a.m.

For more information find us at www.godscloset.com or on Facebook, email eric@godscloset.com, or call 530-1040.

Send your church's upcoming events and service times to legals@arkvalleynews.com or call 755-0821.

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BelAireBreeze

City honors former mayor, clears way for multi-family construction

By Matt Heilman

Bel Aire’s first mayor attended the city council’s Oct. 21 meeting where he listened to a proclamation in his honor and received a key to the city. Before the council addressed the decision items on its meeting agenda, Bel Aire Mayor David Austin stepped up to the podium and read a proclamation declaring Oct. 24 as Bill Brookhouser Day in the city. After Bel Aire was officially incorporated as a city in November of 1980, Brookhouser served as Bel Aire’s mayor for three years. He served an additional four

years on the city council. Brookhouser moved to Bel Aire about 27 years before the community was incorporated as a city. His long career in education included his role as a charter member of the Wichita Heights School Board, responsible for opening Heights High School before it was incorporated into USD 259. Brookhouser, 91, is also a World War II Navy Veteran who served in the South Pacific aboard the USS New Jersey from 1943 to 1945. In his retirement, he has continued to serve Bel Aire as a representative of the city’s

public building commission since 1999. When Austin presented him a plaque and a golden key to the city, Brookhouser jokingly asked if the key could open the city’s vault. He said he appreciated the honor. “I’m sure when this proclamation is filed in my bank of memories, I’m sure the file name will be “cherished memories,”” Brookhouser said. Among the binding action taken by the council on Oct. 21 was a land purchase agreement with developer Gene Vitarelli for five acres

located at the northeast corner of Lycee Street and Rock Road, northwest of Northeast Magnet High School. On 2.7 acres of the five acres, Bel Aire City Manager Ty Lasher said Vitarelli is planning to develop duplexes on six lots. Lasher said there is an option for possible commercial development on 2.3 acres just north of the lots. The agreement was approved following a 30-minute executive session. At its Oct. 16 workshop, the council approved a similar agreement for 2.1 acres directly west of Northeast Magnet High School. Vitarelli plans to

develop four duplexes, Lasher said. Vitarelli has experienced success with a mix of single-family homes and duplex construction in the Rock Spring Addition near Northeast Magnet High School and 53rd North and Rock Road. The council also approved a letter of intent with Shopping Center Development Consultants after its executive session Oct. 21. The letter of intent formally recognizes the developer’s role in working with the city to someday develop an identifiable downtown retail and entertainment district in Bel Aire known as

Caban Marketplace. The motion passed 4-1 with council member Guy MacDonald opposed. Also on Oct. 21, the council: •Approved an appropriations ordinance of \$403,031.30. •Heard from Austin who proclaimed October as Bullying Prevention Month in Bel Aire and Oct. 27-31 as Red Ribbon Week. •Heard from Lasher who announced that the city is holding two sales tax forums at 9 a.m. Oct. 25 at City Hall and at 7 p.m. Oct. 28 at City Hall. The forums are designed to give residents information on the question of a 1-cent sales tax for street improvements in the city that they will have a chance to either approve or turn down with a vote in the Nov. 4 general election. •Approved accepting the municipal continuing disclosure cooperation initiative engagement letter from the city’s bond counsel, Gilmore and Bell. •Approved establishing employee holiday hours. All five council members joined Austin at the Oct. 21 meeting.

HIGHLIGHTS

Catholic Care to host events

Bel Aire’s Catholic Care Center is preparing to host a pair of community events in the coming weeks. On Nov. 13, the center will host a caregiver education event and memory screen from 4 to 6 p.m. The event, titled “Making the Best of Each Day: The 5 W’s of dementia behaviors,” will allow caretakers to learn information about dementia and why the person they’re caring

for exhibits different behaviors. At the event, participants will also have the opportunity to ask questions about their care-giving challenges to a group of professionals on the subject of dementia. From 1:30 to 4 p.m. Dec. 4, the Catholic Care Center is hosting its second annual Holiday Market in the assisted living dining room. The event will feature a variety of vendors, including Premier Books and Gifts, Popcorn Express, Scentsy and Mountain Man Candy and Nuts.

The Catholic Care Center is located at 6550 E. 45th North in Bel Aire. For more information on the upcoming events, contact Catholic Care Center Inc. marketing director Jennifer Sanders at 771-6593 or by email at jennifer_sanders@viachristi.org. — The Breeze staff

Disturbance leads to arrest

A 31-year-old Bel Aire man was arrested early Sept. 28,

following a disturbance at a home in the 5900 block of East Flagstaff in Bel Aire. The Sept. 28 Sedgwick County booking report lists 31-year-old Joshua Samuel Gentry as a suspect arrested by Bel Aire police on charges of aggravated arson, assault, criminal damage to property, battery of a law enforcement officer and violation of a protection order. Bel Aire Police Chief Darrell Atteberry, who responded to the late Sept. 27 call for police from the home, said Gentry had thrown a bottle before lighting

the mattress of his bed on fire. Atteberry said the mattress fire did not spread and only caused minor damage before it was extinguished. When Gentry was taken into custody, Atteberry said he struggled with officers. Sedgwick County records show that Gentry was booked into the county jail on Oct. 1 on a charge of violating a protection order and was being held on \$5,000 bond. Atteberry said the order stemmed from an earlier assault case. — Matt Heilman

First phase nears completion on health and wellness development

By Matt Heilman

The first phase of Bel Aire’s Tierra Verde health and wellness development is nearing completion with a grand opening tentatively planned for mid to late November. The development, located in the 4700 block of North Webb Road, has overcome several roadblocks in the seven-plus years since developer Terrie Grillot first announced the master plan for the approximately 150-acre site. Phase I of Tierra Verde includes the Concierge Surgical Recovery Center, construction on which is expected to wrap up in the coming weeks. The recovery center includes 12 suites upstairs with a conference area and a kitchen that can be used for cooking lessons. Downstairs on the lower level, is a 9,000-square-foot wellness clinic, where the facility’s director will see patients. Dr. Susan Lovelle, a plastic surgeon with the Newton Medical Center, is on board to serve as the facility’s director, replacing Dr. George Watson, a long-time physician who practiced alternative medicine and family medicine in Park City before his death in May. Lovelle is expected to work

with eight to 10 healthcare professionals at the clinic of the Concierge Surgical Recovery Center, including a nutritionist, a life coach, a chiropractor, an acupuncturist, a physical therapist and a physician’s assistant. Grillot said a chiropractor has already agreed to join the staff of the clinic where the healthcare professionals will work with patients in a cash-direct model, independent from insurance companies. In the upstairs recovery center, meant for patients to finish recovering from surgery after being released from the hospital, Grillot said she’s looking for two nurses to join the team. Grillot said she expects construction to begin in the spring on Tierra Verde’s next phase west of the recovery center. The next phase is to include the Homes Plus at Tierra Verde, which will include 10 housing

units that can each accommodate 12 patients, allowing them to live independently outside of a hospital setting, but with medical staff available. Prior to ground breaking on Homes Plus at Tierra Verde, Grillot said construction would start on an approximately 200-unit apartment complex, located next to the railroad tracks directly south of the Concierge Surgical Recovery Center. Grillot said the apartments would primarily cater to single adults in the 30-to-50-year-old age range. The master plan for Tierra Verde’s three phases includes a mix of medical facilities and assisted-living facilities, residential units, commercial/retail

property and a hotel, among several projects. Grillot has not provided a target date for when the three phases would be completed. The development’s name ties in with its environment-friendly or “green” initiative. In Spanish, “Tierra Verde,” translates to “Green Earth.” In addition to energy-efficient construction of its struc-

tures, Tierra Verde’s master plan tentatively calls for the construction of walking paths and an outdoor commons area featuring organic gardens.

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Lions Club pavilion

The Bel Aire Lions Club is continuing work on a new pavilion for the Bel Aire Rec Center. The pavilion, located near the playing fields of the rec center property, is scheduled for completion early next year. The concrete slab for the pavilion was to be poured during the last week of October. The site is marked by construction fencing and a sign, recognizing the future home of the pavilion donated by the lions club to the City of Bel Aire.

Courtesy photo

DEATHS

JOSEPH LARA
Joseph Lara, 84, died Oct. 8, 2014.
He was born in Dodge City July 4, 1930.
He is survived by his wife of 62 years, Ida Lara; their four children, Anita Marie Lara, Christina Lara, Cecelia (Mick) Cayless, all of Wichita, and Jeffrey (Mickie) Lara of Edmond, Okla. He was loved by his nine grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; Larry (Pam) Lara, whom he loved like his son; and his brother Johnny (Elva) Lara. He was preceded in death by his parents, John Gaton and Elsie Simone Lara from Dodge City; brother Lawrence Lara; sister Margaret Simpson; and grandchild Jordan Jeffrey Lara.
He and Ida were married in 1952 and spent much of their life in Liberal. His career was with Beechcraft, where he served as a crew chief in Liberal and manager in Wichita, retiring with 30 years service. He

was a U.S. Army veteran and a prolific community volunteer in organizations which he held dear. Those organizations include 4th Degree Knights of Columbus, Over 50 Club, Bel Aire Seniors and other Catholic organizations. He will be remembered as an avid Liberal Redskin booster, active community volunteer, accomplished musician and loyal friend. He loved to laugh and had a wonderful sense of humor.
A rosary will be held at Church of the Resurrection Catholic Church, 4910 N. Woodlawn, at 5 p.m. Oct. 19 and funeral mass celebrating his life on Monday at 10 a.m., also at the church. Viewing at the rosary and prior to mass. A memorial is established with Church of the Resurrection Catholic Church and school. Arrangements with Culbertson-Smith Mortuary.

JACK SIEGRIST
Jack Monroe Siegrist, died Oct. 6, 2014.
He is survived by his parents, Jake and Casey Siegrist; his sister, Olivia; grandparents Rick and Lora Siegrist, and Kevin and Shelly Burrus; great-grandparents, Wayne Smith, Dave Burrus and Katie Siegrist; and many aunts, uncles, and cousins.
Burial was Oct. 11 at Ascension Cemetery, Bel Aire. Downing & Lahey East Mortuary.

ALFRED STUDE
Alfred William Stude, 90, retired geologist and World War II Marine veteran, died Oct. 7, 2014.
He was preceded in death by his daughter, Patricia Magers; and sister, Marie Stude. He is survived by his son, Bob (Carolyn) Stude of Bel Aire; sisters, Genevieve (Raymond) Walker and Aldonna Evans; and grandson, Christopher (Denise) Stude. There will be a private family service with Resthaven Mortuary.

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Kansas House 89th District — Democrat Roderick A. Houston and Republican Frank Chappell
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